

House File 2428 - Reprinted

HOUSE FILE 2428

BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2282)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 12, 2012)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the movement of certain combinations of
2 vehicles on economic export corridors established by the
3 department of transportation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.457, subsection 2, Code 2011, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *n.* (1) Notwithstanding paragraph “g” or any
4 other provision of this chapter, the department is authorized
5 to adopt rules providing for economic export corridors for
6 the transportation of goods or products manufactured in Iowa
7 to or through the state of South Dakota and for the return
8 of unladen semitrailers or unladen full trailers used for
9 the transportation of those goods or products. The rules
10 may authorize the operation of the following combinations of
11 vehicles on an economic export corridor:

12 (a) A truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer converted to
13 a full trailer by use of a dolly equipped with a fifth wheel
14 which is considered a part of the trailer for all purposes, and
15 not a separate unit.

16 (b) A truck tractor-semitrailer-full trailer.

17 (c) A truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination,
18 where the semitrailers are connected by a rigid frame extension
19 including a fifth wheel connection point attached to the rear
20 frame of the first semitrailer. The length of the frame
21 extension shall not be included when determining the overall
22 length of the first semitrailer.

23 (2) Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph “n” shall
24 provide that combinations of vehicles authorized to operate on
25 an economic export corridor shall meet all of the following
26 requirements:

27 (a) The length of the combination of vehicles, excluding the
28 length of the truck tractor, shall not exceed eighty-one and
29 one-half feet.

30 (b) The length of either semitrailer or full trailer shall
31 not exceed forty-five feet.

32 (c) The weight of the second semitrailer or full trailer
33 shall not exceed the weight of the first semitrailer by more
34 than three thousand pounds.

35 (d) The gross weight of the combination of vehicles shall

1 not exceed eighty thousand pounds and the combination of
2 vehicles shall not exceed the gross axle weight limits of
3 section 321.463, subsection 2.

4 (e) The load on each semitrailer or full trailer in the
5 combination shall be an indivisible load. For the purpose of
6 issuing permits for height or width under chapter 321E, the
7 combination of vehicles shall be considered an indivisible load
8 so long as the load on each semitrailer or full trailer in the
9 combination remains an indivisible load.

10 (3) An economic export corridor established by the
11 department shall not include any segment of the interstate
12 system or any part of the national network of highways
13 identified pursuant to 23 C.F.R. pt. 658. This subparagraph
14 does not prohibit operation on any segment of the interstate
15 system or part of the national network of highways that is
16 permitted under paragraph "e".

17 (4) For purposes of this paragraph "n", "full trailer" means
18 as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 390.